

## House Resolution No. 237

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are delighted to honor an outstanding Missourian who has witnessed dramatic changes in America during her sojourn on this most precious earth; and

**Whereas**, Irene Costello, a resident of Oregon, Missouri, commemorated the resplendent occasion of her Eightieth Birthday with a special celebration hosted by John, Cherie, and P.J. Costello of Virginia Beach, Virginia, and Robert, Sherry, Tyler, and Sarah Costello of Oregon on December 7, 2003, at the T.J. Hall Building; and

**Whereas**, in 1923, God brought a special gift to this great nation with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Irene, who would put a twinkle in people's eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

**Whereas**, Irene Costello made her formal debut in 1923 along with such notable people as radio and television newscaster Harry Reasoner, country singer Hank Williams, and Pro Football Hall of Fame member Elroy Leon "Crazylegs" Hirsch; and

**Whereas**, an individual who has lived during an era of incredible progress, Irene Costello was born the same year that "King" Oliver's Creole Jazz Band was the first black band to be recorded, Briton Hadden and Henry R. Luce founded the weekly newsmagazine Time, and President Warren G. Harding died and Calvin Coolidge was inaugurated as the thirtieth president of the United States; and

**Whereas**, Irene Costello has been an eyewitness to numerous national and international events, many of which are familiar to others only through the pages of history; and

**Whereas**, at the respectful age of 80, Irene Costello is extremely grateful for the countless blessings she has received throughout the course of her long and eventful life:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Irene Costello at this significant milestone and in wishing her peace and contentment as she continues to enjoy her golden years; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Missouri octogenarian Irene Costello, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Brad Lager  
District No. 4

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 237, adopted January 29, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker